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## U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

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None

The relevance of the 07320843 Japanese reference is discussed in Applicant's specification at page 1. The remaining references were cited in a European Standard Search Report with respect to the European application from which priority is claimed. A copy of the Report is enclosed.

Additionally, Applicant would like to draw the Examiner's attention to commonly assigned and co-pending application Serial No. 10/612,451 filed on July 2, 2003.

A copy of each of the references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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